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Dear Dr. Brown:

I want to add a few words to you personally on the subject of our plan for the organization of the Korean Church.

The question is one of great importance and great concern to us upon whom ^{rests} the burden and responsibility of the care of what has become a great and growing Church gathered almost entirely within the last ten years.

We cannot afford to long delay the proper Presbyterian organization of this body of believers, putting upon its trained leaders the rights and responsibilities to which they are entitled.

I enclose an extra copy of the Report of the Com. on Church Government underlined so as to call attention to certain statements which I think deserve particular attention. I did not feel at liberty to so mark the copy which accompanies my letter written to represent the Mission, as that should go just as it was adopted by the Mission. We should not wait to ordain men and to give them full authority as Presbyters, until they feel that the failure to do so constitutes a grievance.

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and they become estranged from us even to a slight degree. We now have their entire confidence and since we are desirous of moving forward on this line and are preparing them for it. We can retain the confidence very readily, if we give them their full rights just as speedily as they are prepared for them.

The incoming of the Japanese who are so decidedly Pro-Asiatic and so jealous of foreign influence in the East will very soon make it even the more essential that we retain the entire confidence of the Koreans and give no occasion to them to feel that we withhold from them what they are prepared for. We cannot wait much longer without taking some forward steps in organization and if our plan does not commend itself to the Board, the Board ought to propose a better and a practicable one sufficiently worked out in detail as to enable us to apply it to conditions here in a way to avoid greater difficulties than any which we believe our plan is likely to lead us into. Any plan will involve some difficulties, and will furnish problems for solution. The work everywhere meets with difficulties and problems, but we cannot refuse to go ahead because of that fact.

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May we not look to you to represent our needs before the Board and the General Assembly, interesting yourself personally in seeing that this matter is taken up and carried through the Board and Assembly in a way which will put us in position to go ahead with far-reaching plans without longer delay. If we are compelled to delay long without proper Presbyterian organization which will put the burden of ecclesiastical work upon the Koreans, I fear we shall incur great loss and be involved in many difficulties. We look to you to take up the question at that end of the line and so I have written you as clear an account ^{as I can} of the situation as we view it and we have tried to make clear the reasons for our request - in the long report presented.

I thank you for your letter of Dec 9th just received. I trust that the request of our station that the Board allow Mr. Hunt to spend a month in Hawaii ~~while~~ on his way home in order to investigate the question of the condition of our Korean Christians there, will be granted. Investigation will I think show that there are ~~many~~ ^{many} good Presbyterian Christians there and they have

a claim upon us for spiritual oversight
 We are keenly disappointed that Mr & Mrs. McCune
 are not likely to come to us. Our need is great
 and we are more & more pressed with opportunities
 for our work, continues to grow and grow, the
 more advanced stages of its development requiring
 more time for study and teaching. Mr. Koons has
 just finished his first year, but having made
 good progress in the language he finds his hands
 more than full of pressing demands for service in
 looking after the newly developing work.

There are other matters which I wish to write
 but as I have for another County class tomorrow
 they must wait my return.

We are most grateful for the additional appropria-
 tion granted us and are also not a little
inquiring in mind over our adoption of the
 Special Finance Committee's report - but of this
 more later.

With most cordial regards from Mr. Moffett and
 me to you and Mrs. Brown

Very sincerely yours
 Emanuel A. Moffett